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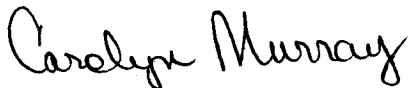
To Whom It May Concern:

This memo is in reference to the re-engineering of the Food Distribution Program for USDA products. School Food Nutrition from Banks County School System feel that the changes could be easily applied to the current existing program. However, on Item 4 we strongly disagree with the vendors use of commercial labels. We feel that USDA foods are high quality first grade items and with a simple communication plan this could be handle efficiently. Commercial labeling could be complex and cause problems on determining if items were USDA or purchased.

Also on Item 6, we oppose full substitution of commodity products. Questions that this raises are purchases of raw products and non-domestic purchases. Substitutions leave schools subject to more alerts, recalls and holds.

We would like to receive a tabulation of the comments on the 16 improvement actions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Murray
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